

## FROM O'ER THE SEA

Manoeuvres of De Lesseps's  
Weak Young Wife.

## POSES AS A STARVING SAINT

Her Stepsons Have Fought Many Duels  
on Her Account to Preserve Their  
Old Father's Honor.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The appeals of Madame De Lesseps to popular sympathy in the last week have proved a failure. Her description of castle La Chaux as a bare, insufficiently heated and furnished, is contradicted by hundreds of Parisians who have visited the De Lesseps family seat in the last two years. The fact, as allowed in Parisian high life, knows that the aged president of the Panama Canal company has surrounded himself with all the luxury that his social station required, and has prided himself especially upon the richness of the comfort which he has been able to afford all visitors at his present residence.

Madame De Lesseps has been especially anxious to come as an entertainer and has spent, as she still spends, the old man's money with a lavish hand. She is therefore hated cordially by the poor people in France, who have long heavily by investment in the Panama canal enterprise. At the same time she gets little sympathy in Paris from friends of the De Lesseps family, who have spread industriously, in the last few days, some astonishing statements as to her interference in breaking down the mental and physical strength of her husband. They say that for the last twelve years, or ever since the inception of the canal enterprise, De Lesseps has been so harassed and betrayed by his wife that he has hardly been able to account for his words or actions.

A Devotee of Pleasure.  
She was 16 years of age when De Lesseps married her, and he had passed 60. For the first seven or eight years of his life he was happily spent. Then he began a career of reckless dissipation under her husband's own roof. At her instance he entertained lavishly at castle La Chaux. Under the pretext of exceptional hospitality she made excursions with the guests which always resulted with small scandal within the household. In fact, it was known that De Lesseps says, she ran away with a French senator to Nice, and did not return until Charles De Lesseps, who had been her companion at the point of a revolver, and had given her the choice between divorce and immediate departure for home.

Charles De Lesseps, it is said, has already fought duels with men who had cast doubts upon his relationship to the youngest three children of his stepmother. In fact, it was known that he was equally attracted by every one in Paris society was understood that it was a serious matter to mention Mme. Ferdinand De Lesseps in her stepson's presence. That her husband was tormented day and night, by her conduct, was generally known, and it was equally understood that he was mentally and physically under his domestic burden. Several times he was driven almost to the point of suing for a divorce, but every time desisted in the interest of the canal company, which he believed would suffer from the stigma placed by the scandal upon his name.

Germany's Scheme.  
Before his arrest, Charles De Lesseps said, significantly, that his father had been too much occupied with private matters to observe the methods of the company. He referred undoubtedly to the painful distraction which he had experienced in guarding Madame De Lesseps. At present, Madame De Lesseps poses as a heroine at her disgraced husband's bedside for several reasons. She is anxious to get as much as possible of his money when he dies, and she wishes to secure the future of Victor De Lesseps, so that they will leave her in peaceful possession.

There is no doubt that the Panama revelations have estranged Russia from France, and have facilitated the negotiations between Germany and Russia for a new tariff convention. The prospect of a revival of historic Russian-German friendship, is believed by German optimists to be assured if the revelations in France be properly exploited by General von Werder, the new German ambassador in St. Petersburg. An incessant correspondence by telegraph has been in progress between the Berlin office and the St. Petersburg embassy during the last four days. And it is believed in Berlin that the blurring criticism passed by the Russian press on the Panama revelations are the ultimate result of information thus indirectly conveyed to the czar.

Increasing the Army.  
The report that the Austrian army is to be increased by 45,000 men, contemporaneously with the introduction of the two-year service term, causes considerable sensation in Berlin and Rome. If France were not completely upset, the report would cause corresponding dissatisfaction in Paris. Rappaport Williams, during his last visit to Constantinople, is said to have talked plainly with Emperor Franz Joseph, as to the immediate necessity of preparing to fight the next war without Italy. He pointed out that Germany would do the lion's share of the preparing by adding 70,000 men to her standing army, but could not do it all. In view of the fact that the Russian army is being increased by 100,000 men, the emperor's attitude was not surprising.

Wants None of It.  
Paris, Dec. 24.—The chamber of deputies today rejected the commercial convention between Switzerland and France. The chamber adjourned until January 10.

Will Not Strike.  
DECEMBER 24.—A committee representing Polish operators from Kansas City to Toledo, called on G. F. Koenig, superintendent of telegraphers and submitted to him a new schedule. The men claim to represent nine-tenths of the operators on the road. This matter will be submitted to General Manager Hayes. The operators state that they will not strike.

Is a Safe Place.  
CINCINNATI, Pa., Dec. 24.—Jack Dempsey, the surviving leader of the Coney gang, was sentenced today to five years imprisonment in the penitentiary. His pals, Martin and David, and three years respectively. The Conley family will be sentenced next week.

RUSSIA'S DISGRACE.  
The Awful Conditions of Rich and Poor in  
Russia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 23.—Count Rostomsky, marshal of the court, has issued an appeal for aid for the famine suffering in the province of Tula. There are said to be 175,000 persons in the province in desperate straits, and the government is expected to make an appeal for aid for the famine suffering in the province of Tula.

## IS CAUSE FOR WAR

Mexican Revolutionists Kill  
Three U. S. Marshals.

## HANGED AND SHOT TO DEATH

Three Hundred Greasers Make a Raid  
in Texas and Finally Whip a Little  
Band of Americans.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—The Times-Democrat's Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, special says the Mexican revolutionists have committed another bold outrage on United States soil. A lengthy dispatch was received here today from Guerrero, stating that reliable information had reached there of an engagement in Sepata county, Texas, between a posse of United States marshals and about 300 revolutionists, which resulted in the defeat of the marshals and the capturing of two of the latter, who are being held as prisoners by the outlaws. Last Wednesday this posse of marshals, under the leadership of Pink Harshill, who is regarded as one of the bravest officers on the lower Rio Grande border, left camp about forty miles below Carizzo and made a raid upon a ranch. They captured Julian Falcones, one of the leaders of the recent revolutionary movement, and started back to their camp with him. They arrived at the camp safely and kept close guard over their important prisoner Wednesday and Thursday.

Just before daylight Friday morning the camp of the marshals was attacked by about 300 well-armed and equipped revolution men. The deputy marshals made a desperate resistance, but were overpowered and compelled to make a retreat. The revolutionists released Falcones and captured two of the deputy marshals, who remained behind the remainder of the posse in the light. It is reported that a number of the revolutionists were killed and wounded, and that three of the United States deputy marshals were wounded. There is also a rumor here today that the deputies were taken prisoners and were being held by the revolutionists. The bodies of the revolutionists were being hanged by the revolutionists, but no confirmation of this last rumor has been received. It is understood that the federal authorities in Laredo have received full particulars of the raid, but that they are suppressing the news in order that a plan, which they are arranging for capturing the desperate band of revolutionists, may be carried out successfully. The affair occurred about forty miles north of Guerrero and was a full and complete victory for the revolutionists at the latter place. It was expected that the revolutionists would attempt to escape capture by crossing over into Mexico, if hard pressed by the United States troops, who are now on their trail.

HE WANTS THE EARTH.  
Christmas Makes Williams' Name Increase Better Than a Nervine.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Charles R. Williams, the ex-employee of Rand McNally & Co., whom that concern charged with having conspired to defame a bill in the superior court, has filed a bill in the superior court, containing serious allegations of fraud against the company. Williams asks the court to appoint a receiver for the firm of Rand, McNally & Co. to order an accounting, and to restrain the company from concealing the \$50,000 suit brought against him a short time ago. Instead of his owing the firm \$25,000, he alleges the firm owes him over \$40,000 besides over \$5,000 back salary.

In 1875, says the complainant, he conceived the idea of publishing a bankers' directory, to be known as the "Bankers' Almanac." Williams made a contract with Rand, McNally & Co. to publish the work, they to receive half the profits and pay him \$35 a week. Williams says that in May, 1882, the defendants agreed to sell their business to an English syndicate, and as the bank directory was the best paying publication, they plotted to force complainant out. He alleges that an attorney for the firm threatened that if Williams failed to sell the directory, they would sue him for the firm caused a warrant to be sworn out for his arrest on a false charge of forgery.

Williams declared that he had not received any value for his half interest in the directory, and that he was entitled to the profits, the latter being not less than \$20,000. He believes that an accounting will show \$40,000 due him, and says the directory is worth \$750,000.

STORM FATALITIES.  
Two Troops Killed in a Barn That  
Was Crushed by Snow.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—No further fall of snow is reported today, and the Northern Pacific and Southern Pacific trains are starting and departing with but slight delay. There is a temporary blockade on the Union Pacific between the Hood river and the Dalles, where the snow is so drifted and crusted that it is impossible for trains to force their way through. The officials are straining every nerve to open the road. Rotary snow plows and large gangs of men are at work clearing the track. No attempt is being made to move freight trains. A warm rain has set in and the snow in Portland is fast disappearing. Street car traffic in the business portion of the city has been fully restored. A report from Glencoe says a frame barn collapsed this noon under the weight of the snow on the roof, and two men, presumably tramps, who had taken shelter in the barn, were killed.

SMAS EVE HORROR.  
A Laborer is Drugged and Laid on the  
Railroad Track.

FOUR WAYS, Ind., Dec. 24.—This afternoon about 4:15 while Michael Rink, a laborer, of Ellettsville, Ind., twenty miles east of here, was apparently sleeping or laying down on the track of the Nickel Plate railway, he was struck by a passenger train and dragged a distance of about 100 feet. He had not already been dead before struck he was certainly killed instantly by the train. How the unfortunate man got on the track and whether some accident or whether he was contemplating a self-sacrifice, is not known. The man was always sober and industrious, and from all appearances

had been drugged and laid on the track by some one with murderous intent.

ANOTHER INDIAN WAR.  
The Torturing of Alleged Witches Will  
Lead to Trouble.

DENVER, Dec. 24.—The torturing of the two alleged witches at the Pueblo of Zuni, a few days ago is likely to have a dramatic sequel. Last Saturday an attempt was made to arrest the Indians guilty of this outrage, but vigorous resistance was offered to United States troops. A green of Gallup. The tribe consists of about 1,500, of whom 500 are warriors. Two companies of United States troops and two galling guns were ordered from Fort Wingate to support the marshal, and as the Indians are burning up their guns and powder today again is likely. The Cacique of the tribe is the one principally responsible for the outrage. Two witches were tied up by their thumbs for three days and tortured in many other ways until dead.

SUN A NEWSPAPER.  
Ed Corrigan Objects to the Utterances  
of the Chicago Journal.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Alderman Ernest Hummel, of the Thirty-fourth ward, is plaintiff in a suit for \$150,000, begun by the Chicago Journal, which states that the Indianapolis Racing association was a fraud, and was run by gamblers, thieves and blacklegs for the purpose of robbing the public. The plaintiff is president of the Indiana Racing association, and also of the South Chicago Brewing company.

QUADRUPLE BULDER.  
Colored Women Outraged and Then  
Asphyxiated in the South.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 24.—Four colored persons were found dead in their room this morning. At the colored home of the aged, two old women, Fannie Ward and Marie Jones, were asphyxiated by coal gas. Fanny Ward's nude condition and torn clothing indicated a struggle for life. Both the women had been slaves and had been inmates of the home for a number of years. Two colored children were also found dead.

Leech, Republican, Wins.  
HELENA, Mont., Dec. 24.—In the supreme court this morning Chief Justice Blake handed down an oral decision, granting the motion made by Wade for Leech, relating to a preliminary writ to compel the Choleau county canvassing board to canvass the vote of Leech, and the court ordered the clerk to issue a writ compelling the board to meet and count the vote in said precinct. This will give the seat in the lower house awarded to Hamilton (democrat), to Leech (republican). This will make the legislature thirty-five democrats to thirty-three republicans and three populists.

That Iron Hall Scandal.  
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 24.—Ex-Judge Howe, counsel for Somerby and others in the Iron Hall litigation, appeared before Governor Chase today and asked to be permitted to show cause why requisition papers should not be issued to bring Somerby to this city to be tried for embezzlement. The governor said that he would listen to the attorneys on both sides, but he would not allow Governor Chase to proceed until the matter was over until Tuesday, when both sides will be heard.

Shot Two Burglars.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Michael Birnbeck, a saloonkeeper at No. 2010 Archer avenue, did a great piece of work early this morning. At 1:30 o'clock he heard a noise in the bar-room above his sleeping rooms and, going up, he saw two burglars. He fired, killing them both.

Does Not Want Much.  
TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Mrs. Grimsom, who had such a thrilling experience at the St. Lawrence street station, had commenced an action against the Clifton Suspension Bridge company for \$10,000 damages. It will be remembered that Mrs. Grimsom slipped through the bridge and would have lost her life had it not been for the bravery of her companion, an Irish clergyman, who was a delegate to the pan-Presbyterian council.

Another Santa Fe Wreck.  
DENVER, Dec. 24.—A passenger train on the Santa Fe, which wrecked today near La Junta, Colo. Eight Pullman cars were destroyed. The particulars received are very meagre. It is claimed, however, that only one man was injured. The officials of the road assert that the coaches were empty at the time of the accident and give this as a reason why more persons were not injured.

His Face Was Cooked.  
SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Dec. 24.—John Hausberger was horribly burned at Hopewell school house last night while acting as Santa Claus in a Christmas entertainment. His dress of cotton cloth and his celluloid false face caught fire. His face was cooked and one eye was lost. A pane followed and Warren Hess was badly crushed.

Very Hard Luck.  
MUSKIE, Dec. 24.—R. J. Martin, president of the C. & N. W. railroad, was today badly burned at the C. & N. W. railroad station. He was burned at the head and neck. He was badly burned at the head and neck. He was badly burned at the head and neck.

Old Commander Dead.  
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The death of Captain John C. Baser, of the United States navy, was announced today. He was 82 years of age. He had been in command of the Baser for the past three years. Captain Baser was one of the best known officers in the navy.

Find a Big Mortgage.  
MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 24.—The mortgage of the Illinois Central railroad company to the United Trust company of New York, in 1891, for \$25,000,000, was found to be a fraud.

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## FIGHT TO A FINISH

Ribot's Ministry Has No Mercy  
on Intriguers.

## EVIDENCE AGAINST MANY MEN

Government Has Proof of All Royalist  
Designs—The Resignation of President  
Caused Wild Excitement.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—Statement in these dispatches that the ministry has evidence that the present attack on the government is part of an organized plan for the overthrow of the republic and that each step taken is carefully discussed in advance by the plotters against the constitution, is now fully confirmed, and the evidence has arrived at the stage where the government is prepared to arrest certain of the conspirators against whom there is sufficient proof. M. Andrieux is regarded as the manager of the plot against the republic, and the first blow is to be struck at him. When warned that he would be arrested today Andrieux replied: "I have nothing to fear. I am arrested. I will be to save M. Floquet from disgrace and punishment. The government is seeking for clues to prove the existence of a Boulangerist and royalist plot and desires to make out that I am implicated in it. I seem to be the only one who is not a member of any other character. I have taken precautions so that if I go to the dungeon the public will know the real motives for my arrest."

Boulangerist Conspiracy.  
M. Ribot's ministry is prepared on the one hand to carry to its legitimate result a thorough investigation of all connected criminally with the Panama scandal and not shielded by the lapse of time since the offenses were committed, and on the other hand to ferret out and bring to punishment all who are engaged in treasonable conspiracy against the republic. The government has been greatly encouraged by the emphatic vote of confidence in the chamber of deputies.

The Sicile states today that the government holds proof of a Boulangerist conspiracy. The effect of this revolution, involving the overthrow of the republic for the destruction of the republic in 1888. From other sources it is learned that even more vigorous measures will be taken now than in 1888 and that President Carnot and his ministers will show the same energy in putting down the treason of imperialist and royalist plotters as was shown in putting down anarchist outrages in the early part of the year.

Fervid Excitement.  
La Cocardie publishes today a facsimile letter from the ex-manager of the Republique Francaise, asserting that certain members of the political staff of that paper had demanded 30,000 francs from the Credit Foncier for assisting to secure the passage of the municipal bill.

It is rumored that M. DeFreincourt, minister of war, has resigned, and the construction of the attacks upon him in connection with the Panama scandal. A hurriedly called meeting of the cabinet was held this evening in a committee room of the chamber of deputies, at which, it is reported, the resignation was offered and accepted. The thing was all quietly and no violence was offered Heffner or his customers.

Murder and Suicide.  
PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 24.—Mrs. Alice Faulkner, 40 years old, a servant at Mrs. Drew's boarding house, and her daughter Florence, 12 years old, were found dead in bed this morning. The mother had evidently choked the child to death and then smothered herself.

Dependancy is supposed to have been the cause of the accident. Mrs. Faulkner had recently been deserted by her husband, who was a soldier in the British army, and whose release she purchased with money saved by her scanty earnings in the mills here. An empty whisky bottle was found in the room.

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two miles from this place. The family of six barely escaped with their lives. The wind prevented the destruction of houses in close proximity. Loss, \$15,000.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 24.—A fire occurred early this morning in the three-story dwelling house occupied by Chester M. Rogers and family. The fire originated in an overheated oven in the cellar. Elizabeth Rogers, 37 years old, who was asleep on the second floor, was burned to death.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Fire started this morning in the machine room of the Globe, the oldest evening paper in London, the offices of which are located at No. 367 Strand, W. C. The flames spread rapidly and, despite the efforts of the firemen and the employees of the paper, communicated to the composing rooms, the editorial rooms and the stereotype foundry, all of which were completely gutted. The first edition of the paper, which is issued at 1 o'clock, was being prepared when the flames were first discovered. Of course it was impossible to get the paper out at the usual hour, but the later editions were issued as usual, the matter being prepared and the paper printed at the office of the People, where the Globe offices will be located temporarily. The loss in machinery, presses and type is quite heavy.

SEEMS INCREDIBLE.  
A Tale of Want and Suffering From New  
Jersey.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 24.—A terrible case of desolation came to the attention of the police in this city this morning. Four small children were found in a house built of a few pieces of wood. Their mother was with them and was drunk. There was nothing to eat in the room and only a slight fire made of some pieces of wood found in the streets. The children were in rags and shivering from the cold wind which swept through the narrow room from various openings. The woman's name is Amanda and the oldest child is eight years old. The case came to the attention of the police through a complaint made by a man named Simons. He told the police that eight and ten people slept in the house every night and that during the day the women enticed small boys to the place.

CHICAGOANS ELOPE.  
A Society Belle Will Enjoy Her Christmas in Wisconsin.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Feeling that her father's opposition to her marriage with Frederick Pulifer was unalterable, Miss Beatrice Champlin ran away with her lover to Portage, Wis., Thursday night. She was married at night by a rural parson. Her father is George Champlin, one of the heaviest operators on the board of trade. Her husband is also a board of trade man, being a member of the firm of Schwartz, Dunne & McCormick, and is a member of the Chicago and West Washington Park clubs. The nearest friends of the parties are unaware of the fact that they have been engaged. Both are prominent in society.

Levied an Xmas Present.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Late last night three men with masks over their faces entered William Heffner's saloon and presented revolvers at Mr. Heffner and three men who were seated around the stove. The robbers ordered the occupants of the saloon to throw up their hands, which was done, and while two of the robbers kept the men under cover the third went behind the bar and rifled the money drawer of \$10.

The men then left the saloon, after warning the inmates not to follow them. The thing was all quietly done and no violence was offered Heffner or his customers.

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Washington Will Be in Gloom's  
Depths Today.

## TO BE NO OFFICIAL GAIETIES

Members of the Cabinet Will Have Their  
Personal Families Gather "Round  
the Old Tree."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The holiday of the year will be unusually quiet in official circles. There is no inclination among the cabinet families to make any display in view of the gloom that envelops the white house. There will be no dinner parties, even aside from those comprising members of the families and their visitors. Vice President Morton will have with him, five of his daughters—Mrs. Helen is with her mother in New York under treatment by Dr. Sayre. Secretary of State and Mrs. Foster have with them Mrs. Foster's mother and brother, Mr. and Mrs. McPherson of Evansville, and the young children of Dr. Charles Lacombe of Goshen, N. Y., the nephew and niece of Representative Bacon. Secretary of Treasury Foster has gone to Florida, where he will eat Christmas dinner with his daughter, Mrs. Myers, and bring her and his grandchildren to the capitol with him for New Year's day. Mrs. and Mrs. Foster will be alone tomorrow at their residence on Vermont avenue.

Secretary of the Navy Tracy will dine alone with his daughter and granddaughter, Mrs. and Mrs. Wilmerding. The Postmaster General and Mrs. Wamsamaker will spend Christmas at their country home, Lindenhurst, near Philadelphia, where they will have a family gathering, as Mr. and Mrs. Roman Wamsamaker and their two children have come from abroad and will be with them through the holidays.

Secretary of Agriculture and Mrs. Rusk will dine quietly with no one but their son and daughter to keep them company.

FEAR TO DO RIGHT.  
Congressmen Say That They Dare Not  
Vote to Shut Out Cholera.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Politics has given way to cholera in the gossip of the departments, hotels and clubs. The fear which the arrival of cold weather subdued is once more aroused by the news from Europe. Surgeon General Wyman is alarmed and Secretary Foster is laying plans to resist the attack of the scourge should congress hesitate about throttling it. Behind Foster stands the president, ready to take even more decisive measures if necessary to preserve this country's health than he took last summer. If congress will shake off its dread of the naturalized vote, it will, immediately it reassembles, put up the bars against European immigration. But many members are afraid.

One said today: "I believe that immigration should be absolutely suspended just one year. But I dare not vote for such suspension. The majority of my constituents are naturalized citizens, and were I to vote to keep out their brothers it would be unjust for them to seek redress. I know that the election is two years away, but the naturalized voters have strong memories and I would not take the risk. With me it is a matter of self-preservation."

Such expressions are not rare. It is because of them that the adoption of Chandler's suspension bill is doubtful. The house bill is not so objectionable to the naturalized voters and has a better chance of passing. It is an improvement on the present law, but it leaves a loophole to seek redress. It causes the suspension act—and through that loophole a germ may come that will spread throughout the land. The public men here who desire for the public good transcend their selfish desires object to any loophole. Senators are anxious to make a great fight for his absolute suspension bill. He is a fighter of persistence and power. He understands thoroughly the modes of the opposition to his bill and he will expose them, so that if the bill fails to become a law the public will know on whom to lay the blame.

INTERNATIONAL TROUBLES.  
Burke, the Cavalry Hero, Will Make an  
Official Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Elkins had a conference with General Schofield at the war department today with regard to the best method of effectually suppressing the apparently increasing lawlessness on the Rio Grande. Capt. J. G. Burke, who has been summoned from Texas for consultation on the Rio Grande situation, is expected to reach here Monday next. No official reports in regard to these troubles have been received for the past few days.

Good Man Dying.  
BEAVER FALLS, Pa., Dec. 24.—The venerable Jacob Henrich, head of the Harmony society at Economy, is dying, and will not probably survive the day. He is in his eighty-eighth year and until a few weeks ago was able to be about and attend to business. An element in the society apprehends that disastrous results will follow his death, but others believe matters will run on as usual.

Old Warehouse Burned.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Chicago Oil and Refining company's warehouse caught fire at 5 o'clock this evening, and within an hour was completely destroyed. The blaze was a furious one and a large quantity of oil was consumed, but the firemen, after a hard struggle, succeeded in confining the flames to the warehouse. The loss will reach \$100,000.

Italians Killed.  
ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 24.—A special from Bainbridge, says: "A party of three Italians going from Bainbridge to their homes this morning were struck by a coal train and two were killed instantly. The other was injured internally and one leg crushed and is not expected to live."

Child Burned to Death.  
YORK, Pa., Dec. 24.—The dwelling of Barton Crane, near Lewisberry, this county, was burned with its contents last night. A 6-year-old daughter of Mr. Crane, who was asleep upstairs, was burned to death and the body reduced to ashes.